

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Ruth Y. Goldway; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Global Plus 1C Contracts (MC2012-6)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2014-42

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued April 22, 2015)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire April 25, 2015.¹ The Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the Existing Agreement to the day prior to the date of any change in the non-discounted published postage for International Priority Airmail (IPA), International Surface Air Lift (ISAL), Global Express Guaranteed (GXG), Priority Mail Express International (PMEI), and/or Priority Mail International (PMI).² A

¹ See Order No. 2064, Order Approving Additional Global Plus 1C Negotiated Service Agreement, April 23, 2014; see *also* Order No. 2391, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief and Approving Modification Two Extending Expiration Date, March 11, 2015.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification Three to a Global Plus 1C Contract Negotiated Service Agreement, April 21, 2015 (Motion).

modification to the Existing Agreement revising the expiration date as described above was submitted by the Postal Service as Attachment 1.

The parties expect to file a successor agreement and intend for its effective date to be the date the changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products, approved in Docket No. CP2015-33, go into effect. Motion at 1-2. In order to maintain continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant an extension until the changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products go into effect. *Id.* at 2.

The Postal Service originally planned to implement changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products on April 26, 2015.³ On March 31, 2015, the Postal Service announced its intent to delay implementation of those rates “for all affected market dominant and competitive products when it submits revised rates for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services in response to Order No. 2398.”⁴ In an April 16, 2015, filing the Postal Service notified the Commission of its intent to implement revised prices on May 31, 2015.⁵

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement will expire on May 30, 2015, or the day prior to the date the changes in rates of general applicability for competitive product go into effect, whichever occurs first. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

In addition, the Motion was filed April 21, 2015, just four days prior to the Existing Agreement’s expiration date. In Order No. 1523, the Commission directed the Postal Service to file motions for temporary relief at least one week prior to the contract’s

³ See Docket No. CP2015-33, Order No. 2366, Order Approving Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, February 25, 2015.

⁴ Docket Nos. R2015-4 and CP2015-33, Notice of the United States Postal Service of Delayed Implementation of First-Class Mail, Special Services, and Competitive Prices, March 31, 2015, at 2. The Commission subsequently approved such delayed implementation. Docket No. CP2015-33, Order No. 2427, Order Amending Order No. 2366, April 7, 2015.

⁵ Docket No. R2015-4, Response of the United States Postal Service to Order No. 2398, April 16, 2015, at 3; see *also* Docket No. CP2015-33, Notice of the United States Postal Service of New Implementation Date for Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, April 20, 2015.

expiration date.⁶ The Commission urges the Postal Service to provide, in accordance with Order No. 1523, sufficient time to review each request.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed April 21, 2015, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement will expire May 30, 2015, or the day prior to the date the changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products go into effect, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

⁶ See Docket No. CP2009-38, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief and Providing Guidance Regarding Future Motions for Temporary Relief, November 1, 2012, at 2 (Order No. 1523).